



UAAAC Minutes
September 5, 2017 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Mary Adams, Brett Bennett, Bob Cage, Tommie Church, Tom DeNardin, Todd Dooley, Nick Floyd, Jim Greenlaw, Leigh Hersey, Myra Lovett, Anthony Malta, Barbara Michaelides, Carl Thameling, Lisa Varytimidis, Anthony Walker, Bruce Walker

The April 2017 minutes were reviewed and accepted with minor edits.

Mary announced that Tom De Nardin would be our new Chair of the UAAAC. She also discussed member rotation and that since many of us had been serving for 5+ years, some may be rotating off of the committee.

Bruce made a suggestion that we have more short and concise meetings, and that time limits for subcommittee reports be restricted to 5 minutes.

Tom suggested that more lengthy reports should be emailed to the members prior to the meeting to which they will be reported to shorten the meeting time.

Subcommittee Reports:

AICS (Academic, Compliance, and Integrity Subcommittee) – Brett reported that the Division 1A FAR meeting would be in Washington, D.C., in September. He will not be attending this meeting, but will attend the meeting in Atlanta, November 2nd-4th. Brett reported that APR status for ULM athletes is good right now, and four teams have had APRs of 1000.

In relation to compliance, ULM is in the middle of certification of eligibility for Fall sports. ULM was commended on certification process after the recent review.

SWAC: Lisa V reported that the Fall topics of focus for ULM student athletes are burn out and mental well-being. She expressed an interest in 1 or 2 UAAAC members attending some of the Student Advisory Council meeting on Monday evenings 6-7 p.m. Lisa V added that SACs meetings are open to all athletes, but 2 representatives from each sport are selected to represent.

Mary added that President Bruno approved the inclusion of four student athletes for UAAAC representation.

Lisa also mentioned the “Go Fund Me” page for hurricane help that ULM athletics has started with other schools. Many of the ULM student athletes have been affected by Hurricane Harvey as well.

Bruce said he had visited with an anchor from KNOE news about reporting about this and other current news from ULM.

Brett suggested that other organizations may want to partner with athletics with the Hurricane Harvey Go Fund Me project.

Academics: Barbara reported that there is a current issue with an international student athlete not being able to be on campus this semester yet due to VISA issues. The longer it takes to remedy the VISA issues, the more risk for academic failure for this student.

Anthony Malta added that the Registrar’s Office needed to know by September 8th if the student will remain enrolled for the fall semester or withdraw.

Barbara reported that her staff is shuffling responsibilities at this time because one of the counselors is out on maternity leave.

Athletics: Nick Floyd, the new Athletic Director, said he was glad to be here, and had only started 7 weeks ago. He said a re-organization meeting was being set up, and the first coach’s meeting had taken place that Tuesday morning. Additionally, senior staff meetings are scheduled for each week, and there is a lot of work to do for the upcoming year.

Nick said he was very impressed with the APR status of athletics at ULM as well as GPA and graduation success rates. However, there is always room for improvement, and he wants to continue the upward progression. He told the committee that he had 34 years of administration experience, and that he really looked forward to working with the UAAAC. He added that with the fall season on the way, he was looking forward to ULM athletics to improve competitively and to help make sure that ULM student athletes continue to be successful on and off the field, court, etc.

Tom announced that President Bruno wants scheduling, APR, and student welfare to be the focus of this year’s UAAAC. He also suggested that he didn’t feel that Governance and Integrity because its focus is Athletic budget, and budget is not related to academics.

Next meeting is scheduled for first Tuesday in October at 4 p.m. and September meeting is adjourned.